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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4866

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 4963

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI

SUBJ: USDAO VIENTIANE STAFFING

REF: A) VIENTIANE 4761

B) STATE 166856

C) STATE 172320

1. COUNTRY TEAM CONSIDERS CONTINUED

ASSIGNMENT/AVAILABILITY

OF DAO U-21 FOR THIS

SMALL MISSION IS NOT JUSTIFIED FOR

THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. THE 7 PASSENGER CAPACITY OF THE U-21 RENDERS IT OF LITTLE  
USE IN EVENT MISSION EVACUATION BECOMES NECESSARY.

B. PRESENT DIFFICULTIES WITH RAL EMPLOYEES PRECLUDE  
UTILIZATION OF WATTAY (VIENTIANE) AIRPORT BY ANY USG  
AIRCRAFT. WHILE THIS SITUATION IS TRANSITORY, WE DO NOT  
ENVISION THE LAO PERMITTING NEAR TERM UTILIZATION OF DAO  
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AIRCRAFT AT ANY AIRPORT EXCEPT WATTAY. IN THIS SITUATION  
OUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION CAPABILITY VIA AIRCRAFT WILL BE  
NEGLIGIBLE.

C. OUR DRASTICALLY REDUCED MISSION SIZE WILL NOT REQUIRE  
FREQUENT FLIGHTS BETWEEN THAILAND AND VIENTIANE. WE COULD  
MANAGE QUITE NICELY WITH A ONCE OR TWICE MONTHLY SCHEDULED  
RUN BY DAO BANGKOK TO SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL AIR  
(THAI AIRWAYS) BETWEEN BANGKOK AND VIENTIANE.

2. IF DOS AND DOD FEEL TEMPORARY NON-RESIDENT DAO ELEMENT  
IN THAILAND IS A NECESSITY THROUGH SEPTEMBER, WE RECOMMEND  
LOCATING ELEMENT AT BANGKOK INSTEAD OF UDORN RTAFB. AS  
UDORN CONTINUES TO PHASEOUT, THE NON-RESIDENT ELEMENT WOULD  
EXPERIENCE CONTINUING ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES.  
MOREOVER, BANGKOK VIA THE 70TH ARMY AVIATION DETACHMENT AND  
THAI-AM, INC., IS THE ONLY LOCATION WHICH CAN PROVIDE  
SUITABLE U-21 MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES.  
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